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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

Introductory Comments

This is a response to the non-final Office Action dated April 8, 2005, in the above-identified application. A petition with the fee for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response. In the event the enclosed payment is insufficient or any other fees not accounted for herewith are required for the filing of this response, please charge all necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 10-0750.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments to the claims, which begin on page 2, and the accompanying remarks, which begin on page 4 and conclude on page 9.